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In re the Application of:

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For: METHOD OF USE OF ONE STEP  
IMMUNOCHROMATOGRAPHIC DEVICE  
FOR STREPTOCOCCUS A ANTIGEN

Group Art Unit: 1641

Examiner: Carol A. Spiegel

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REMARKSAssistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The Examiner mailed a final office action in the previously filed continued prosecution application on September 13, 2000. The time for response is up to and including December 13, 2000. Therefore, Applicants believe that this request and preliminary amendments and remarks are timely filed and that no fee is due other than the filing fee

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